## IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Application No. : 10/511,149 Confirmation No. : 9137

First Named Inventor : Kiyoharu HIGASHINO

Filed : April 28, 2005

TC/A.U. : 3726

Examiner : E. Omgba

Docket No. : 038917.55521US

Customer No. : 23911

Title : Method of Assembling Steering Columns

## REPLY

Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

This Reply is respectfully submitted in response to the Office Action dated January 11, 2008.